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2. WE HAVE REVISED OUR BASIC POLICY LINE REGARDING OUR REACTION AND THAT OF CHINA'S TO THE CURRENT DOWNTURN IN RELATIONS RESULTING FROM THE LEE TENG-HUI VISIT. THE THEMES OF THE NEW POLICY LINE WILL BE STATED BELOW. WE ASK THAT YOU USE IT AS OPPORTUNITIES PERMIT WITH OFFICIALS IN BEIJING, PERHAPS AT THE 4TH OF JULY RECEPTION AND AFTERWARDS, AND ALSO STRESS THE THEMES WITH KISSINGER AND

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HIS DELEGATION. PLEASE ALSO ASK KISSINGER AND HIS DELEGATION TO RAISE HARRY WU WITH THEIR HOSTS. (HAK AND THE AFL/CIO'S FIEDLER HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON WU'S PLIGHT AND RELATED ISSUES). HAK AND DELEGATION SHOULD ALSO RAISE CHEN ZIMING IN THE CONTEXT OF CONTINUING US CONCERN ABOUT

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RIGHTS OF PEACEFUL DISSIDENTS TO SPEAK FREELY WITHOUT RETALIATION BY THE GOVERNMENT. BELOW FOLLOW THE THEMES MENTIONED:

QUOTE: WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO THE CHINESE THAT WE HAVE NOT CHANGED OUR POLICY ON TAIWAN AND THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO

PURSUE ENGAGEMENT NOT CONTAINMENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO RESUME FORWARD MOMENTUM IN OUR RELATIONS. HOWEVER, SO FAR, THE CHINESE RESPONSE, AND CHINESE ACTIONS, HAVE MADE THIS IMPOSSIBLE. POSITIVE BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE AS MUCH IN CHINA'S INTERESTS AS OURS.

WE ARE PROCEEDING POSITIVELY ON KEY MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO US AND TO THE REST OF THE REGION, E.G. THE RECENT KOREAN ACCORD, THE MAJOR TRADE AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN JUNE 28, UPCOMING REGIONAL SECURITY TALKS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, ETC. WE WOULD LIKE GOOD RELATIONS WITH CHINA TO BE A CENTRAL PART OF THIS FORWARD MOVEMENT. BUT THIS OUTCOME WILL REQUIRE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS BY THE CHINESE AS WELL AS BY THE US. END QUOTE.

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WE ASK YOU TO REITERATE IT TO THE WHOLE DELEGATION WHEN YOU BRIEF THEM. CHRISTOPHER

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